

NEWS SUMMARY.

Washington.

The nomination of R. H. Dana as Minister to Great Britain was rejected in the Senate, on the 4th of April, by a vote of 31 to 17. The House Committee on Appropriations have agreed to recommend a deficiency appropriation of \$100,000 to provide water, fuel, and light for the public buildings during the remainder of the current fiscal year. They also agreed to insert an item of \$60,000 to pay witness fees and other expenses incidental to Congressional investigations now in progress.

The Senate organized as a Court of impeachment, on the 5th of April. Chief Justice Waite appeared and administered the oath to six Senators at a time. Notice was sent to the House, and at twenty minutes to two o'clock the managers appeared in the Senate Chamber. They requested that Belknap be summoned to appear and answer, and on motion of Mr. Edmund, it was ordered that Belknap be summoned to appear, on Monday, the 17th of April, at one o'clock, and the managers withdrew and the Court adjourned until the 17th, at one o'clock.

Secretary Chandler, before the investigating committee, testified that he had never had any conversation with C. S. Bell on the Babcock case, and did not know that he had been employed to help Babcock. He discharged Bell because he believed him to be a scoundrel, and gave peremptory orders that his accounts should not be paid until the Pension Office became satisfied that he had been engaged in legitimate work, and was not aware until within a few days that they had been paid. Mr. Chandler testified freely and contradicted Bell in every particular. In answer to a question of Mr. Clynne, Mr. Chandler said, after the termination of the Babcock trial he received a letter from R. H. Dana, saying that the expense of the trial was \$30,000, and that Babcock was totally ruined financially, and suggested that his friends contribute to pay the expense of the trial. Acting on this suggestion, he had sent to Babcock a check of \$1,000.

The headquarters of the army have been re-established at Washington City. Attorney-General Pierpont was examined by the Committee on War Expenditures, and related his knowledge of the witness Bell. In answer to some of Bell's testimony, he said that it was purely imaginary.

General Schenck on April 6 expressed a desire for a full and free investigation before the committee examining his case. He thought that he would get out of the Babcock case an enormous valuable property, and its failure was simply owing to mismanagement in England.

The order issued from the War Department, transferring the army headquarters from St. Louis to Washington, has been amended so as to direct the Adjutant-General and Inspector-General to report to the General of the army.

Babcock, when put on the stand, April 6, denied the more important of the witness Bell's statements concerning himself.

The South.

At a recent meeting of the Southern Republican Club, at New Orleans, a wrangle occurred over the question of minutes of the previous meeting. A fight ensued, and during the war three men were shot, one of whom, Lucien Adams, Jr., will die. The others wounded are Lucien Adams, Jr., and John W. King. Others are reported wounded, but their names were kept secret by the members of the club.

Two employees of the Rampart & Dauphin Railway Company, John Heiser and John Bosch, quarreled recently at New Orleans, when Bosch stabbed Heiser, killing him instantly.

Lucien Adams, Jr., who was wounded at the Southern Republican Club meeting in the Mechanics Institute, New Orleans, died from the wounds received. It is said that at least ten persons were wounded and two killed outright during the riot. The colored fairground of a disagreement between the Adams and the officers of Judge Evans' Court.

Fire Record.

A fire at Grand Falls, N. H., caused the loss of \$5,000; insurance, \$20,000. B. D. Hill and sister, Mrs. Cuzzone, of Boston, were burned to death.

General.

The Mississippi Republican Convention sends fourteen out of its sixteen delegates to the Cincinnati Convention for Oliver P. Morton, for President, and adopted resolutions endorsing his course. The colored convention declared him to be the unanimous choice of the colored voters of Mississippi.

The earliest action returns from Connecticut indicate the election of Ingalls, Democrat, for Governor, and the Legislature is Democratic by a large majority. There are Republican gains in the State.

In Ohio, at the municipal elections, the Republicans have carried Cleveland and Toledo.

In Cincinnati for Board of Public Works, the Democrats are in the majority, and the Republicans two. The vote was light.

The following dispatch was sent by the Chinese Consulate at San Francisco to the Ning Wah Hospital, Hong Kong: "Chinese immigration very stop; the extension increases every day against our people."

—WING TUNG COMPANY.

The California Senate adopted a resolution to appoint a committee of five Senators to make a full investigation into Chinese immigration, to sit at any time and place within the State, with power to send for persons and papers, who shall prepare a memorial for presentation to Congress, on or before the first day of December, setting forth the results of the inquiry in full.

The Connecticut Senate stands 15 Democrats and 3 Republicans—a Democratic gain of one from last year. The Lower House, including two towns electing one representative each, the result from which are estimated, stands 25 Democrats and 10 Republicans, and 2 Independents. Last year stood 107 Republicans, 137 Democrats, and 1 Independent—a Democratic gain of 32.

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